



Applicants

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For

Methods and Compositions for Reducing or

Eliminating Post-Surgical Adhesion Formation

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1616

Examiner

E. Webman

Commissioner for Patents Mailstop Non-fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

## Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's action of January 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully provisionally elect with traverse a polymeric composition as otherwise set forth in claim 93 where R' is a  $C_2$  to  $C_{12}$  alkylene group, a cycloalkyl group, a 2,2,4-trimethylhexamethylene group or a 3,5,5-trimethylcyclohexyl group. In claim 94, Applicants respectfully provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute a species where K is a  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkyl group.

While Applicants' provisional election is not technically to a single species, it is respectfully submitted that the species which have been elected in claims 93 and 94 are sufficiently narrow to enable the Examiner to efficiently examine the instant application without engaging in an undue burden which is to be avoided as per MPEP §803.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss Applicants' election, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. If the Examiner determines that a fee is due or any overpayment has been made, please charge/credit deposit account 04-0838.

Respectfully submitted,

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